

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

**IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION
OPIATE LITIGATION**

MDL 2804

Case No. 1:17-md-2804

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

1:18-op-45677

1:19-op-45859

1:19-op-45860

1:20-op-45136

1:20-op-45137

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Judge Dan Aaron Polster

ORDER

In response to the Sixth Circuit order issued earlier today regarding the mandamus petition filed by the plaintiffs in these five cases, the Court **ORDERS** that in any case where Defendants have not filed a response, they shall file a joint response within **14 days**. Plaintiffs shall have **14 days** from the date of the filing of the response to file a reply.

In any case where Defendants have previously filed an opposition, Defendants shall review their response and file a supplementary joint brief only if they *now* have a good faith basis to believe the Court has subject-matter jurisdiction to hear the case. Such supplementary filings shall also be made within **14 days**, and Plaintiffs shall have **14 days** from the date of the filing of the supplemental response to file a reply. Should Defendants now consent to remand, they shall so state.

The Court emphasizes that should any Defendant file either a supplemental or initial brief in opposition to remand that the Court deems frivolous, the Court shall impose significant monetary sanctions on both counsel and that Defendant.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Dan Aaron Polster March 11, 2022
DAN AARON POLSTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE